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Sunday & Monday, 9:30 am/6:00 pm, February 20th & 21st, 2022

7th Sunday after
Epiphany

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering plate.
Thank you!

Mercy. Mercy. Mer-
cy. Joseph lives it in
Egypt. Jesus preach-
es it in the gospel.
The Spirit guides us
into merciful lives
with the power of
forgiveness to rec-
oncile what is frac-
tured and divided.
Such merciful living
is the baptismal
blessing of having
put on Christ. It is
the gift of the life-
giving Spirit. It is a
reflection of God's
glory revealed in
Christ.

Many years after
being sold into slav-
ery by his jealous
brothers, Joseph
reveals himself to
them. Now the sec-
ond-in-command in
Egypt, Joseph reas-
sures his brothers
that God has used
their evil intentions
for good to preserve
life during a devas-
tating famine, and
Joseph forgives
them.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (st.1,2,5) #603

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus, **make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and

say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 37: 1-11, 39-40

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart’s desire.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;

put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

**⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked;
it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

**¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

**³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,

because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

*The lowly shall
possess the
land; they will
delight in abun-
dance of
peace.
(Ps. 37:11)*

*In the Apostles’
Creed, we
speak of the
“resurrection of
the body, and
the life ever-
lasting.” Using
the metaphor
of a planted
seed and the
story of Adam,
Paul preaches
passionately
about the mys-
tery of follow-
ing Christ’s per-
fect life into
eternity.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Alleluia. (Luke 6:35, 37)

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 27-38

The holy gospel according to...

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Solberg

SONG

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (st. 1,5,6,7)

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*All baptized
Christians who
believe this
true presence
are welcome
and encour-
aged to receive
Holy
Communion
today.
Please assist
your child(ren)
if you wish
them com-
muned.*

*Parents,
We believe that
the true body
and blood of
Jesus Christ is
in/with/under
the bread
and wine.*

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.**

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF, February 20-27, 2022

* **LENT BEGINS** On March 2, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. In cooperation with Yombo Parish and Pastor Michael Locko, we will focus on “fasting” (Matthew 6:16-18) during our Lenten mid-week services. Immanuel’s approach will be “Fasting: Disrupting the Ordinary to Gain the Extraordinary” and include: **a) What Reward Fasting?; b) Fasting from Worry; c) Fasting from Anger & Hatred; d) Fasting from Judgements; e) Fasting from Forgetting; and f) Fasting from Being Your Own Savior.**

* **IMPOSITION OF ASHES** On March 2, Ash Wednesday worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion starts at 6:30 pm and will be both in person and live streamed.

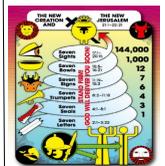
* **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** On March 9 and each following Wednesday in Lent, our Soup Suppers begin. Come for our soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a ½-hour service at 6:15 pm.

* **MEN’S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS** ... begin on Saturday, March 5th, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and will meet every Saturday throughout Lent. The breakfast starts at 8:30 am followed by a discussion of Sunday’s readings and any topic that you may want to share. The meeting ends at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294. All of you men are welcome and Walter hopes to see you there!

* **REVELATION STUDY...** continues on Thursdays at 6:00 PM both in person (fellowship hall) and online (church website). No RSVP is necessary. Just bring your Bible. Pastor Steve will provide study materials in downloadable and printed form. Explore this strange and wonderful final book of the New Testament that is best understood as a series of seven broad cycles each beginning either with the life of Christ or the beginning of the Christian Church and completed by the coming of Christ for judgment of the world.

* **CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY: A HARD-COPY OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH!** You can also view it online or via the FREE mobile app. Printed copies are available on the upper level resource table and at the front entrance. To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won’t be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “Instant Church Directory” to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help or have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.

* **GIVING YOUR OFFERINGS:** Thank you for continuing to financially support our on-going congregational mission. **NOTE:** The GivePlus Mobile App will be phased out by April 30th. After that date, GivePlus Mobile app will no longer be supported. In its place, you may download the [VANCO Mobile app](#). VANCO Mobile is a free app and offers a better user experience with easy giving options, including giving to special funds. Here are the steps to follow: 1) **Search for Our Church** - Enter our church’s name or use the invite code and click SEARCH. Then, select our church. 2) **Select Your Fund and Amount** - Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method. 3) **Enter Payment Method** - Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card, or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations. 4) **Choose to Cover Processing Fees** - You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in. 5) **Complete Your donation** - Review and complete your gift by clicking SUBMIT. If giving online through Immanuel’s website, there is no change.





***SUNDAY SCHOOL:** If you are interested in Sunday School for your child(ren), there is always open enrollment for toddlers through Grade 5. The class meets at 9:15 am and classes start at 9:30 am. Go to the Facebook page for updated information, or you can always call the office at (906-475-9161). Bring your child(ren) to worship with us.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Nancy Burton, Pat DeWitt, Dan Hendrickson, Pete Hicks, Billy Jo Kaufman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Wendy Niemi, Elaine Ojala, Arianna Paananen, Don & Vera Palomaki, Joyce Peterson, Jessica Roberts, Linda Sjolund, Richard Toyra, and all COVID patients.*

Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Rudy Gagnon, Charlene Kivisto, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Mary Parkkonen, Janet Penhale, Butch Pynnonen, Lillian Rivers, Paul Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Jacque Kurian, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, Jason Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Steve Solberg*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS – *Jim & Linda Derocher*

6 pm USHERS/GREETERS – *Ron & Cheryl Ulvila*

9:30 am LECTOR – *Luanne Skrenes*

6 pm LECTOR – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S – *Jim Hayward*

6 pm COMM. ASST.'S – *Kay Korpi*

9:30 am Tech Team – *Tyler Moore*

6 pm Tech Team – *Need Volunteer(s)*





FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION

FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS ... our Mission Emphasis for the month of February is Messiah Lutheran Church Asylum Refugee Support.

Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette is sponsoring a refugee family from Honduras in Central America seeking asylum in this country. The mother and two boys left Honduras over two years ago and spent two years at the Mexican border waiting for permission to enter this country. The family arrived in Marquette in August. The boys are in school and all are learning English. There are some long term medical issues that are being resolved. Asylum has not been granted yet, but the process continues slowly and legally.

Thank you to Messiah for their continued financial and emotional support of this family. We are here to help you and the family with this undertaking.

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, please use February's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for giving \$1,415.00 in January to
Our Tanzanian Companion Ministry Relationships.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
February 20, 2022 - February 27, 2022

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...
www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***7th Sunday After Epiphany***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- 7:00 pm - Confirmation Class
- Tuesday** - 10:30 am - Pericope here at Immanuel
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:00 pm - *Revelation* Bible Study (in-person and on Zoom)
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Sunday** ***8th Sunday After Epiphany***
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)